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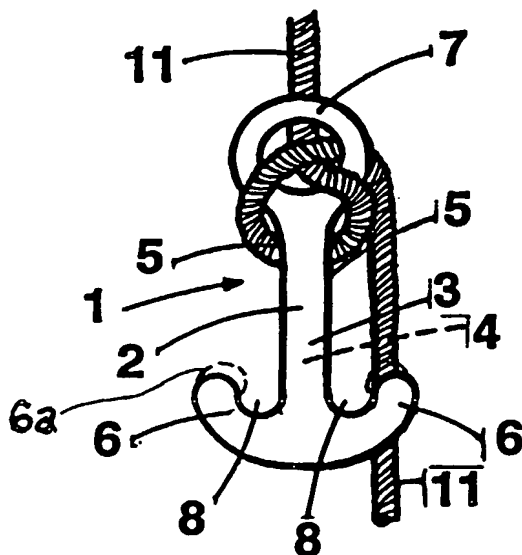
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(57) Abstract: A unitary hitch (1) comprises an elongated shank (2) having front (3), rear (4) and side (5) faces, a pair of hooks (6) at one end of the shank (2) and a closed eyelet (7) at the other end of the shank (2), wherein the hooks (6) extend from opposite side faces (5) of the shank (2) and the hooks (6) are coplanar with the eyelet (7). A method of using the rope hitch (1) is also described.

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